

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

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Reference is now made to Figure 2, which depicts in block-diagram form a circuit configuration according to the invention. Twenty-four volts DC is provided to a ballast inverter 210, preferably through a line filter 208. The output of the ballast inverter 210 is fed to an isolation output transformer 212, which forms a lamp current path ~~[[214]]~~ 222 to operate lamp 220. This configuration allows relatively little noise to couple back into the DC line, because the inverter ripple and noise current 209 are separate from the lamp current path 222.